

ROBERT seems to be an expert in probability.
How still the air! How bright the sunshine! How beautiful the flowers!

HYDRAULIC mining is constantly carried on in Sierra and Placer counties, in defiance of law.
POULTRY well cared for in California will return 100 per cent upon the investment per annum.

The Delaware peach crop has been greatly injured again by frost. Fresno peaches are "all right."
Bismarck says he didn't mean to. That no one was authorized to declare either war or martial law.

ROBERT's statement that he would not resign was altogether unnecessary. Politicians die, but never resign.
If Ben Butler had gone to Berlin he would have proved that Samoa was one of the original thirteen states.

The average temperature of the San Joaquin valley the year round is sixty to sixty-eight degrees Fahrenheit.
Is a great many of the orange groves in the south the trees are but eighteen feet apart. Thirty feet is better.

AUSTRALIAN farmers pack their grapes in cork dust, their apples in straw, and wrap their oranges in tissue paper.
All this talk of Mary Anderson's mind and Mrs. Langtry's nose is wearying. It is the associated press agent again.

GLENN county sent its handsome girl down to kiss the governor and yet he went away with the bill in his pocket.
EIGHT states have released this season to extend to women the right of suffrage, but they don't seem to take the hint.

FLORIDA farmers are producing new varieties of fruit by planting trees near each other and twisting the limbs together.
The Union Ice company is buying up all the ice plants in the state. It will cost something to "keep cool" this summer.

EASTERN Thrift and California climate will make the owner of any irrigated twenty-acre tract in Fresno county wealthy.
WATERWAYS says he wouldn't be governor again for a million dollars. Don't know about that. White man might be uncertain.

THIRTEEN thousands of acres of marsh lands in the San Joaquin valley could be profitably utilized in the culture of the cranberry.
If Robert should resign there would be an opening perhaps for the man who ate beans with the governor on the Mojave desert.

THE Sacramento Bee says the Fresno Republican is "combustible" to secure the state capital. "Combustible" is distinctly Sacramentoese.
The telegrams tell us that Whitelaw Reid is satisfied. We are pleased to know that one man is satisfied. His salary is \$17,500 per annum.

A BALTIMORE man certain offered to increase a sailor's wages if he would throw two of his companions overboard. Bob Ingersoll's theory is no good.
GEORGE FAYSON, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, is accused of stealing several thousand dollars. That's what a manager for being in bad company.

MR. GUSTAV EISEN, of Fresno, is collecting and revising his valuable contributions to fig and raisin culture, and will publish them in book form.
Our eastern exchanges contain many notices of people selling out with a view of coming to California. There is room for millions of the producing class.

THERE are twenty-three islands in the Pacific ocean which no nation has set up a claim to. This fact seems to have escaped the Germans and Los Angelesites.
For undiluted, double-distilled and fancy lying, commend us to the several officials of the city government.—Los Angeles Tribune.

THE Tribune needs no commendation.
Some of the better class of vineyards in France are held at from \$1000 to \$4000 per acre, and they are not nearly as productive as Fresno or San Joaquin valley vineyards.

WESTERN FLANNAGAN, who immortalized Fresno by asking, "what are we here for if not for office?" has been answered by being refused the Japanese mission.
The average temperature from Maine to Utah, the past week, has been thirty-two degrees above zero. In Fresno it has been about fifty-five degrees above zero.

THE Unique map of California is properly named. It is necessarily limited in scope, but is correct as a map, and presents facts and figures in a very comprehensive manner.
The Stanislaus papers announce that the Oakdale ditch is costing from \$800 to \$900 per mile. The usual cost in Fresno county for ditches twenty feet wide on the bottom is \$1000 per mile.

LOS ANGELES county, which has been long about on the sidewalk of unsuccess, complaining about the enterprise of the north, has at last come into the circle and joined the state board of trade.
If successful candidates were compelled to file itemized accounts of their election expenses, with vouchers, the corporations and political bosses would not have so great an opportunity to elect their men.

WHEAT on the San Francisco Call board has been bringing \$1.31 @ \$1.43 1/2 buyer season, and \$1.22 1/2 @ \$1.33 1/2 seller season. The small margin between the two indicates exceedingly close figuring.
The governor has vetoed the bill appropriating \$1000 for the use of the state board of silk culture. Here is an opportunity for the Kingsburg Herald man to train up a few worms in the way they should go.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The star of empire continues to move toward the setting sun. The center of population has reached the vicinity of Chicago, and the steel rails are spreading like huge fingers over the western plains. Every year the people are learning more and more of the resources of the wonderful west, and those in the rear are constantly moving to the front. The development of the west during the past ten years has been nothing less than wonderful. It is increasing in a startling ratio, and no one dares to attempt to write in advance what the next few years may bring forth. This much is certain: the possibilities of horticulture in a section where the sun shines every day; where the soil is rich and may be irrigated, will demand and command the attention of the people. Comfort is sought by all men; and the comfort which comes from an abundance of sunshine and the absence of excessive cold will not only be accepted as a gift, but will be purchased if necessary.

Climate is a commercial quantity. A climate which permits business to be carried on intelligently is worth something. A climate which permits flowers to bloom and fruits to ripen the year round is certainly productive of wealth. The farmer or the tradesman who can work every day in the year will certainly make more money than those who are idle several months on account of inclement weather.

The grandeur of this climate and the horticultural possibilities of this soil are all unknown. We have blindly followed the lead of our missionary fathers, and planted the corn of Egypt and the vine and fig of Palestine. Occasionally a farmer has carelessly planted in some out-of-the-way place a tree from other climes, and been surprised to see it surpass the rest; just as the beginner shuts his eyes, blindly casts into the pool from behind a rock, and catches a trout. But the pioneer farmers were compelled to plant such as promised immediate returns, and could ill afford to experiment. Time will demonstrate, however, that within the covers of Denmark's three o'clock vases there is not space for the bare mention of the products of the great state of California.

The rock-bound shores of New England are already overcrowded, and the people as they learn more and more of the land of the afternoon are moving, moving, moving west. Chicago has grown in a wonderful way, yet its growth was foreseen and foretold by thoughtful men. Omaha and Kansas City on the Missouri have successively sprung up like mushrooms in the night, and the Rip Van Winkles have gazed with speechless surprise at their mighty magnificence. See the massive buildings of brick and stone climbing up and above the moving masses in the streets below. See the smoke of commerce and the multiplicity of tracks. How the impatient construction trains with their throngs of track-layers are crawling over the plains. They are coming, coming, coming west. And against the feet of the Rocky mountain yonder are being reared up other cities, like castles in the air. Denver and Cheyenne are centers for products like the hides and horns of the plains, and the white and yellow ones of the mountains. Great ranches are being cut into the plains, and the waters from the snow sheds are being led down to cover the barren lands with blooming orchards. Opportunity is uncaptured there, and there are those who cannot wait their prophetic telescopes see the better land beyond. A few have crossed the shining sands of the remaining remnant of "the great American desert," and reached southern California. They are "all right," and we will leave them "neath the sunny skies of that favored land." A few have followed Fresno's trail to Marshall's Pass, and wound their way through the deep, dark canyons of the Arkansas and the Black Gunnison to the mountains of Utah and the valley of the great Salt Lake. Others have crossed the divide to Ogden and continued westward over the snow-capped Sierras to the bright and better land on the verbal shores of the Pacific.

They have sent to their friends across the continent this message: "Come to the west. It is all and more than we ever claimed for it. Our winter is spring, the flowers bloom always, and the sun shines every day. It is the Palestine of the Pacific, the Italy of the new world." But they understand it not, having lived where winter invariably brings biting frosts, howling blizzards, and the "beautiful" snow, which chills like the vital element of man, bird, beast, vine and vegetable.

But the truth is becoming known, and they are coming on every train. The cheap wooden structures of the pioneer period are being replaced by massive structures such as are common in Cincinnati, Toledo, Chicago, Kansas City and other cities of the east.
The lesson of the times is written on the hills of Massachusetts, the rocky ledges of Toledo, the massive wharves of Chicago, the solid blocks of Minneapolis, the stone depots of St. Louis, Denver and Cheyenne, and all over the vine-clad hills and valleys of the wonderful state of California.

The three great cities of the world will be London, New York and San Francisco. California, with its 138,000 square miles, can support three times as many people as England, with 50,000. There is no other land on the face of the globe that can produce so great a variety of horticultural products as California. The size and depth of San Francisco harbor, where all the navies of the world might ride in safety, is well known, and through the Golden Gate will eventually pass as great a line of ships as rides the sea. And Market street of San Francisco will surpass State street of Chicago. The great inland empire of the San Joaquin valley will be one vast orchard and vineyard, with the greatest and most profitable products of the world represented. The whole state will be covered with a network of railroads, and there will grow up on this coast some of the greatest and grandest cities in the world. Mark the prediction. Save this article twenty years and see if we have not read aright the signs of the times.

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have moved into new buildings, and many business men have gathered here from different parts of the state. The residence portion of the city is reaching out into the orchards and vineyards, and street car lines have been extended in several directions to accommodate the travel. Those who have day after day witnessed the erection of new buildings and in turn become accustomed to their presence fail to realize the wonderful growth of the city. The reason for this prosperity is known and read of all men, and the future of the city is beyond the pale of uncertainty. Any property, what, is comparatively cheap.

Thus, from the Selma Irrigator, is unique.
Grover Cleveland, an attorney-at-law of New York, and the gentleman who in the past four years, after Washington, has been on a pleasure trip to Cuba. Cleveland was president of the United and his companions, cabinet officers.

We admire the vigorous vim with which the Woodland Mail attacks the disreputable portion of that sun-kissed but sun-scurried city. Without fear or favor the Mail attacks alike the millionaires and macaqueux. Since the days of Adam the truth has been unwelcome to the masses. It is to be hoped that the Mail will be upheld in its noble work. Let every moral man and woman of that city lend hearty assistance.

The theory held by trades unions that boys should not be allowed to learn trades unless skilled hands have more work than they can do, or where a man is about to drop out of the ranks, is not tenable. The lads should be as skilled as well as the head. If pupils were refused at a medical college until all they could attend to, a very unsatisfactory condition would ensue.

The Sacramento Record Union of a late date contains a two-column article concerning the merits of Texas cactus as a hedge plant. The experience of Fresno farmers with this plant has demonstrated that it is not a success. The "cut of a two-year-old cactus hedge near Fresno" is very pretty, but the rabbits skip over and through that hedge in a playful sort of way that would seem to indicate that the hedge is of little practical use.

The parties in charge of the exhibit of California products now in the east, desire samples of oranges, wine, grapes, strained and in the comb, lemons, potatoes, corn in the ear, silk cocoons, raisins, dried fruit, squash, florice root, wheat, and in fact most any kind of farm produce. Fresno farmers should embrace the opportunity to advertise our county. Samples may be sent free of charge, to the state board of trade rooms, from whence they will be forwarded to their destination.

In support of our statement made some time ago that the Yosemite valley was controlled by the Southern Pacific railroad, we desire to state that the Southern Pacific editors are being appointed on that commission as rapidly as possible. John P. Irish, F. M. Pixley, W. H. Mills and Ben G. Truman are already on the list, and if Marcus D. Boruck hasn't lost his cunning he will get into the ring some time this summer.

The Unique map, about which so much complaint was made by the southern papers because San Bernardino county was not stamped all over with the word "oranges," doesn't say anything about oranges in Fresno county, but we grow them just the same. If one-half of the products of Fresno county had been mentioned there wouldn't have been any room at all for San Bernardino county. Good brethren, go on producing "figs, almonds and honey," and look happy.

This state board of trade asks for exhibits of semi-tropical fruits. The request was general, but the Los Angeles Tribune sees another opportunity to represent this section, and adds a falsehood of the usual southern California calibre. List to the son of the south while we quote him alive:
The state board of trade wants Los Angeles to contribute an exhibit of semi-tropical fruits. It complains that the display now made by the counties in the northern citrus hall give the show away. It laments too much like an eastern horticultural and agricultural fair.

A towns depends upon the country by which it is surrounded. A dull town all too much unmistakably indicates an unprofitable section. One of the surest ways to build up a town is to build up the country. Many towns in southern California were built before the surrounding country was developed, and the residents are now going back to primordial principles, and turning corner lots into groves and gardens, and the next transformation may be more lasting. The planting of orchards and vineyards in an irrigated section will create a demand for a town that must be satisfied. Fresno rests on a solid basis.

We tire of all this talk about bollages at Washington. Let the postmaster pray, if he chooses, and the president may say grace. But the cheap notoriety and sentimentalism is sickening. It reminds us of that "expression of sadness" that is said to play around the nose of Miss Garfield. It is a "fitting tribute to the dear departed," we presume, just as this public prayer is an indication that we are to have an honest administration. It is no laughing matter. If there is civility in the cabinet it will be made manifest in the policy pursued. The administration needs no salvation army badge.

The lowest price received in Chicago this week for California oranges was \$2.25 per box, while choice navel brought \$4.50 per box. The grower will receive from \$1 to \$3 per box. It will thus be seen that where trees are planted twenty feet apart, even if each tree produces but one box of low grade oranges, the product per acre is \$108. It is equally plain that if but one box of good navel per tree is obtained, the income per acre will be at least \$216. The crop from good navel trees has in many instances brought \$1200 per acre, and in special instances as high as \$1700 per acre.

Improving farms in the east may be had very cheap. There are a great many people who would come to California if they could dispose of their property.

In Australia it is a common practice to give bawls for the benefit of the church. In America we have quill rallies, ring rallies, grab-bags, and "25 cents, please."

The Tulare grand jury recommends that no fees be allowed for the arrest of vagrants.
If any one is desirous of having a building that is entirely fire-proof, let him build it of Iowa coal.

Police prohibited a prize fight in Minneapolis, and it was deemed of sufficient interest to telegraph all over the country.

Sixteen hundred acres and a few town lots at Bakersfield brought \$205,000. Irrigation, enterprise and advertising did it.

A law was passed at the late legislature providing that children who have not been vaccinated shall be excluded from the public schools.

The visit of Cleveland to Cuba, accompanied as he is by former members of his cabinet, looks like some political or land scheme is being formed.

The thermometer shows that the temperature is higher in the Fresno foothill belt the year round than it is in River-side. Stick a pin in it, ye horticultural editors of the south.

GROCERS squall on the holes in the Hamilton limes, in Colusa county, and created a leak which eventually caused the levee to give way. Over 50,000 acres of wheat, valued at \$750,000, were destroyed.

RIOTER ISLAND has abandoned the "property qualification" for voters. It would be wiser to make ordinary intelligence and elementary knowledge pre-requisites, than to insist on a property qualification.

HAZARD's land at Bakersfield was sold very cheap. However, that one fact proved that Mr. Hazard was in earnest, and had no intention of withdrawing his land from sale. Kern county will be greatly benefited by the division of that vast property, and the location of a thousand families where there was but one.

The Republicans of a Massachusetts town have formulated a plan which is preferable to the petition method. They voted on the names of candidates for postmaster and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes was declared the choice of the party, and his name was sent to the president with their endorsement.

The importance of exercising care in the transmission of telegrams, and in their publication is made prominent by the suit for damages brought against the San Francisco Call by the Home Sewing Machine company. A telegram was published stating that the New Home Sewing Machine company was going out of business. It should have been "New Home Sewing Machine company."

The great powers of the earth know win Blaine is, and something of his policy. The promulgation with which Kempinski was released was absolutely refreshing. Under the lamented late administration an American citizen was imprisoned in France and yet another in Italy. It took seven months to secure recognition in one instance, and twelve months in the other. When Blaine speaks he commands attention.

The salvation army in England, after preaching to the starving masses for ten years, has discovered that a sinner will listen more attentively after he has had his dinner. They have accordingly established restaurants for the poor. They recognize also that cleanliness is next to godliness, and have established bath houses. Gratitude inspires attention, and practical Christianity demands recognition. The salvation army in London is now prospering accordingly, and their work is attracting the world's attention.

What profiteth it a man if he raise grapes which he sells at raisins at 5 cents a pound, and pays from 25 to 50 cents a pound for butter, 15 to 50 cents per dozen for eggs, 30 cents a pound for ham and bacon, anything the butcher pleases to charge for meat, and two prices for vegetables, fruit and jollies? If a farmer produces all these and other necessities of life, then, and not till then, can he expect to be independent, and realize upon the surplus which he has for sale. Thousands upon thousands of California farmers raise one product, and with it endeavor to purchase all the necessities of life. That many such succeed only goes to prove that California soil is prolific, not that her residents are thrifty and careful.

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We import no one to buy. We show our goods cheerfully, but we take care not to bore our visitors. Our prices are plainly marked on our goods for you to examine them. Learn the prices and you will realize what we say is a truism, something tangible and that it may be easily demonstrated, and if you are not convinced that we do sell Boots and Shoes cheaper than all other houses, then you will not be persuaded though we wrote a volume. Having said so much, and giving utterance to what we have said in all honesty, we conclude the interview by respectfully asking you to visit us. Be you rich or poor, whether residing in the city or country, and whatever your occupation in life may be, you can save largely by purchasing at our house. Yours respectfully,

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